SHORT NOTICE QUESTIONS.

MR. SPEAKER.—I propose to take up all the three Short Notice Questions together.

Arrangement made to alleviate the grievances of workers affected by Gold Control Order.

Q.—1. Sri S. SHIVAPPA (Shravanabelagola).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) when the Gold Control Order came into effect in the State :

(*b*) the number of workers employed in the industry that are affeeted by the Gold Control Order in the State ;

(*c*) the arrangements made to alleviate the grievances of these workers ?

A.— Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) In January 1963.

(*b*) The total number including employers, employees and workers may be 30,000. Number of workers may be about 15,000 to 20,000, but the actual number affected by the Gold Control Order is not available. It must be small as ornaments of silver also are prepared by the same class of workers.

(*c*) If genuine case of unemployment are brought to notice and they are suitable, the question of providing employment to workers seeking employment in various jobs in industrial concerns or other suitable places can be considered. Some of the applications are already under consideration of the industrial concerns.

Number of people likely to be thrown out of employment on account of Gold Control Order.

Q.—3. Sri T. MADAIAH GOWDA (Ramanagaram).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of people that are likely to be thrown-out of employment in Mysore State on account of Gold Control Order;

(*b*) whether Government have thought of any measures to give relief to such people ;

(*c*) if so, what are they ?

A.— Sri B. D. JATTI (Minister for Finance).—

(*a*) The number cannot be assessed with any degree of accuracy as goldsmiths were not dealing entirely with gold ornaments.

(*b*) Yes.